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December 14, 2005

Via Fax Number (202) 565-9004

Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Mercury Building #711
1925 K Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: DOCKET NO. AB 297 (Sub-No. 102-X)
COLUMBUS AND GREENVILLE RAILWAY COMPANY
VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
PURSUANT TO 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50



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Dear Secretary Williams:

In response to a staff request, C&G confirms one additional fact:

1. The person designated to receive notices to the Columbus and Greenville Railway Company in the abandonment exemption defined in the caption is:

H. Lynn Gibson
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.
P.O. Box 6000
Columbus, Mississippi 39703

After filing the Notice packet on December 2, 2005, C&G received an additional letter response to its circulation of the Draft Environmental and Historical Report to various State and Federal Agencies. A copy of that clearance letter is enclosed for inclusion in the file.

There was also a telephone contact from the National Geodetic Survey. We were informed that while Mr. Maida had apparently reviewed the Draft Environmental and Historical Report before his retirement he did not prepare a letter confirming that the Survey did not have any concerns about the abandonment. We were further informed that in that office's opinion there was no need to send a letter if there were no objections

and that the time for comment would simply be allowed to elapse. If there is a need for written comment from the Survey please notify me at 662-329-7710 and I will pursue further.

We have also followed up with the Leflore County Board of Supervisors. A copy of the Board's action concerning notice of the abandonment is also enclosed.

An original and ten copies of this letter (with enclosures) will be filed with the Secretary on December 15, 2005. A similar packet will be enclosed including the letter response filed by C&G on December 6, 2005.

Yours truly,



H. Lynn Gibson

Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Copy to:
Wandaleen P. Cole



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November 29, 2005

Ms. Wandaleen Poynter Cole
Columbus and Greenville Railway
P. O. Box 6000
Columbus, MS 39703

Dear Ms. Cole:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed abandonment of 1.18 miles of Columbus and Greenville Railway Company rail line within the city of Greenville, Washington County, Mississippi. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is responsible for insuring compliance with the Farmland Protection Policy Act.

In accordance with the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) of 1981, programs that contribute to the necessary and irreversible conversion of farmland to nonagricultural uses will be minimized. It follows that these programs shall be administered in a manner that, as practicable, will be compatible with state and local government and private programs and policies to protect farmland.

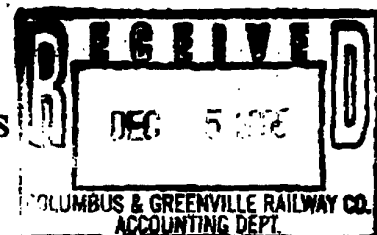
Prime farmland is not present within the project area. The entire project area is either within or adjacent to the Greenville city limits. The project as planned is in full compliance with the Farmland Protection Policy Act.

If best management practices are used during the abandonment process, no long term significant impacts are expected. The Natural Resources Conservation Service concurs with your Environmental and Historical Report that there will be no adverse effect on prime agricultural lands.

Sincerely,

Homer L. Wilkes
State Conservationist

cc: Kim Harris, State Conservation Engineer, NRCS, Jackson, MS
James Johnson, Area Conservationist, NRCS, Greenwood, MS
Ronald Hudspeth, District Conservationist, NRCS, Greenville, MS



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**RESOLUTION OF THE LEFLORE COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORTING CLOSURE OF
PORTIONS OF COLUMBUS AND GREENVILLE C & G RAILWAY LINES
RUNNING FROM THE WEST SIDE OF HIGHWAY 82 TO LAMAR STREET
FROM THEIR INTERSECTION WITH THE
CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILROAD COMPANY'S MAIN LINE TRACKS**

WHEREAS, members and representatives of the Leflore County Board of Supervisors along with the City local government and other community organizations have been involved with the elimination of train movements through the center of Greenwood, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, with the efforts of many this elimination was accomplished during April 2005, when Columbus and Greenville (C & G) Railway opened its by-pass track or main line track running east and west through the central part of the City of Greenwood, running from their intersection with the Canadian National Railroad Company Main Line tracks westerly to their intersection with U. S. Highway 82 and 49 East; and

WHEREAS, there has been a significant improvement in the movement of vehicular traffic since the C & G main line movement has been re-routed to the City-owned bypass track; and

WHEREAS, there is no further purpose to serve or need for C & G Railway Lines running from the west side of Highway 82 in Leflore County to Lamar Street in Greenwood from their intersection with the Canadian National Railroad Company Main Line tracks.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Leflore County Board of Supervisors upon motion by Supervisor Wayne Self, and duly seconded by Supervisor Larry Johnson and by unanimous vote of all Board members present at the meeting, Supervisor Odis Abram being absent, that the Leflore County Board of Supervisors enters its Order supporting the closure of that portion of the Columbus and Greenville (C & G) Railway Lines running from the west side of Highway 82 to Lamar Street in Greenwood from their intersection with the Canadian National Railroad Company Main Line tracks.

Approved this, the 28th day of November, 2005.

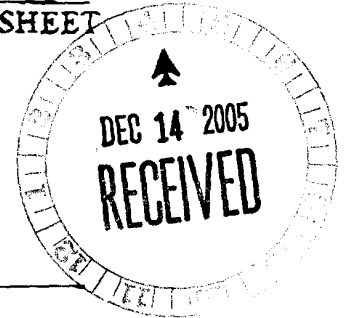

ROBERT E. MOORE, BOARD PRESIDENT

ATTEST:


SAM ABRAHAM, BOARD CLERK

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PLEASE FORWARD TO:

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